

PRELUDE *Prelude on BRADBURY* Rick Parks
Meditation on a Theme by J. S. Bach Eric Thiman

WELCOME

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Kurtis Eckard

†CALL TO WORSHIP Glen MacLeod

One: Even the smallest gift is precious to God

All: when we share what little we have to give.

One: Even the smallest gesture is holy in God's sight

All: when it is offered with great love.

One: Rejoice! God is building us into a household of love,

All: a diverse community of infinite value!

†HYMN 88 [All My Hope on God Is Founded](#) NEANDER

†OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, you are the builder in whose hands we can become a community of joy and fulfillment. You keep watch over us, strengthening us to "be the church" – protect the environment; embrace diversity; forgive often; and share earthly and spiritual resources. Be known to us this morning and speak to all who eagerly await your wisdom. Amen.

INVITATION TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

ANTHEM *Pie Jesu* Andrew Lloyd Weber
 The First Church Choir, Liz Oman-Wilfrid and Ashley Turner, soloists

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE

SCRIPTURE READING [Psalm 146](#) (OT p. 715)

†RESPONSE AFTER SCRIPTURE (HYMN 526) O WALY WALY

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.

Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

SERMON *In God We Trust* Rev. Fredd

HYMN 558 [Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us](#) BRADBURY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Sanctus, from the Requiem* Gabriel Fauré
 The First Church Choir

†DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
 Amen.**

†PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give in the name and spirit of Jesus whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion you have for all people. Our offerings today symbolize our investment in your coming kingdom, with beginnings among us now. Amen.

†HYMN 67 [O God, Our Help in Ages Past](#) ST. ANNE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Amen* Peter Lutkin
 The First Church Choir

POSTLUDE *Fugue in Eb Major* J. S. Bach
"St. Anne"



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024
10 o'clock

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† *Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.*

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments following the service!